Minutes

OF THE

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIFTH

ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Original Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association

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HELD WITH

HIGH HILL CHURCH

UNION COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

SEPTEMBER 13, 14, 15, 1957

OFFICERS

ELDER V. V. WILLARD, Moderator

BROTHER MARTIN C. MILLS, Clerk

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PROCEEDINGS

By previous arrangements of High Hill Church, the One Hundred Twenty-Fifth Session of the Original Bear Creek Prirmitive Baptist Association met with High Hill Church, Union County, North Caroloina, in the Unionville High School Gymnasium, Friday September 13, 1957 and continued Saturday and Sunday following.

Brethren, Sisters and friends met in the gym about 10 o'clock A. M. After engaging in songs of praise, Elder J. D. Holder of Corinth, Miss., opened with prayer followed by Elder V. V. Williard ,pastor of High Hill Church delivered the introductory sermon, using as a text, Romans 5:19.

About one hour was taken for refreshments following the introductory discourse, after which the Association met in the school auditorium and engaged in songs of praise, followed with prayer by Elder F. F. Egglesthon of Martinsville, Va.

High Hill Church with Ministers, Messengers and Brethren composing the Association, proceeded to business as follows:

Elder V. V. Willard, pastor of High Hill Church, served as Moderator, and Martin C. Mills, Clerk of High Hill Church, served as Clerk, and called Preston L. Helms as Assistant.

1. Extended invitation to all orderly Baptists who are in peace with their home churches to seats with us.
2. Called for letters of representation from sister churches composing this Association, which were handed in, read and their status notd.

High Hill: Represented by full membership.

Liberty Hill: Brethren J. C. Hatley, Fred Lee Honeycutt, Vance Hatley and C. C. Furr.

Pleasant Grove: Brethren Marshal Williams, C. W. Griffin, T. B. Curlee and Glenn Mullis.

Union Grove: Brethren Edmond Outen, J. L. Honeycutt, J. B. Honeycutt, and Carl Haigler.

Mt. Creek: Brethren Bruce Baucom, A. C. Medlin, Charlie Vanhoy, and Frank Medlin.

Lawyer's Springs: Brethren Gradan Helms, Orlin Stewart, Tommy Marsh, and Walter Hasty.

High Point: Brethren D. G. Dix, T. E. Ragan, K. M. Kiser, W. I. Cole.

Meadow Creek: Brethren N. D. Hathcock, R. L. Hathcock, A. F. Almond, and Burton Vanhoy.

Watson: Brethren Winfred Simpson, Douglas Williams, T. L. Simpson, and Preston L. Helms.

Pleasant Hill: Brethren Barney Maness, Rankin Richardson, Leslie Auman, and Ralph King.

Mills Chapel: Brethren Buren L. Williams, Howard Little, Floyd Simpson and Roy Hardy.

Park View: Brethren Athel Smith, Will Lauten, Thurmond Smith and Elder D. B. Willard.

Bethel: Brethren W. T. Bell, Carlos Benton, Jerry McLamb, and J. R. Mintz.

Union: Brethren Floyd Hawks, T. B. Polk, Lee Robinson, and Guy Johnson.

Oak Grove: Brethren Jesse Tarlton J. H. Gaddy, and Lester Adams.

Corinth: Brethren Ed Peterson, Walter Peterson, Charley Sprous and Marvin Styers.

Herrings Grove: Brethren J. L. Lewis, J. R. Almond ,J. M. Moylee.

3. Called for Petitionary Letters:

Herrings Grove Church presented a letter for membership in this Association and was unanimously received.

4. Elder V. V. Willard, Moderator, was authorized to appoint committees on preaching and finance.

Committee on preaching: Elders C. M. Mills, D. B. Willard, C. L. Ratliff, and Brethren Earl Pressley and Martin Mills.

Committee on finance: Brethren Harvey Pressly, Howard Edwards, J. C. Helms, Lloyd Outen, and A. E. Broome.

5. Called on Presbyteries to report.

In response to a call by Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church to Sister Churches for ordained help to ass'st in ordaining Brethren F. P. Eudy and J. R. Barbee to the office of Deacon, the following assembled and asisted in the ordination: Elders C. M. Mills, D. B. Willard, and L. J. Corns. Deacons: N. L. Lawson, R. M. Hatley, C. C. Furr, W. B. Simpson, Melvin Mills, C. W. Griffin, J. Troy Simpson and Lloyd Outen.

The following responded to a call from Oak Grove church for ordained help to ordain Brother J. H. Gaddy to the office of Deacon: Elders C. M. Mills, E. H. Simpson, C. L. Ratcliff, and H. L. Poplin. Deacons: L. E. Outen, C. F. Lambert, T B Curlee, T B. Polk, Frank Medlin, Max Stewart, and Joe C. Helms.

6. Invited visitors from corresponding Associations to seats with us:

Silver Creek: Brother R. G. Chashon and wife.

Little River of North Carolina: Elder J. S. Collins, and Brethren Freddy Giles and wife, J. Milton Byrd and wife, Bert Clayton. Lonnie Johnson and Sister Louise Watkins. Elders J. T. Lewis, Derle McGee, and Henry Byrd. and others.

Original Towaliga: Elders E. D. Speir, Joe F. Hildreth, and Brethren Lee Speir, Langdon Huffman, and Roy E. Speir.

Little River of Georgia: Elders M. M. Morton and wife, and Elder Edward Cagle.

South Arkansas: Elder E. W. Harkett, Brother Henry Griffin.

Friendship of Georgia: Elder J. A. Monsees and wife, and others.

Tennesseee and Nolachucky: Elder Harold Tipton and wife.

Powell's Vallley: Brother Clarence Hensley and wife.

Mount Zion: Elder W. O. Hunt, Brethren R. F. Holcombe and C. R. Burgess.

7. Invited visiting Brethren and Sisters from Sister Churches and Associations with whom we do not carry formal correspondence to seats with us.

Blueridge Association: Elders T. C. Mooney and wife, H. L. Smith and Brother Lawrence Mooney and wife.

Ebenezer Georgia: Elder Fred Rowland and wife, Brother Frank Rowland and wife, Sister Anna Belle Mullis.

Mount Ennon, Florida: Sister J. D. Hagen.

Mississippi River: Elder Wiley Sammons and wife.

New River, Va.: Elders J. S. Harris, O. A. Harris, Brethren Evene Taylor and wife, F. N. Phillips and wife, Hebron O'Dell and wife and others.

Ray's Fork Church, Ky.: Brother Ralph Ratcliff and wife.

Pine Ridge Church: Elder W. L. Johnston and wife, and others.

Martinsville Church, Va.: Elder F. F. Eggleston and Brother W. A. Ashley and wife.

Ebenezer Church, Pearson County, N. C.: Sister Bertha Yound.

Good Home Church, Axton, Va. Brother John L. Wilson and wife.

Danville Church: Brother John Lawrence and wife, Sisters Alex Dickerson, Mary Dickerson, and Harvey Lunsford.

New Hope of Miss.: Elder J. D. Holder.

Prince Williams: Elder W. H. Anderson and wife.

Big Sandy of Tenn: Elder B. D. Bryant.

Conoochee of Ga.: E lder P. H. Byrd.

Ketocton of Va.: Elder T. E. Majors, W. G. Fletcher.

Hobbs, New Mexico: Brother Floyd Robinson.

8. Appointed Messengers to visit corresponding Associations as follows:

Silver Creek: Elders E. H. Simpson and P. H. Young.

Little River of North Carolina: Elders E. H. Simpson, V. V. Willard, D. B. Willard, C. M. Mills, and Brother W. B. Simpson.

Little River of Georgia: Elders V. V. Willard, C. M. Mills, C. L. Ratcliff, and Brother W. B. Simpson.

South Arkansas: Minutes and Messengers if possible.

Mount Zion: Elders C. M. Mills, H. L. Poplin.

Tennessee and Nolachucky: Elder C. M. Mills and Brother W. B. Simpson.

Powell's Valley Minutes and Messengers if possible.

The Original Towaliga: Elders C. M. Mills and C. L. Ratliff.

Friendship of Georgia: Elders V. V. Willard, E. H. Simpson, and H. L. Poplin.

Sequachie Valley and Collins River. The matter was tabled for this time.

9. Unanimously agreed to continue correspondence with all churches and associations which we now correspond with.

10. On motion Brother J. C. Helms was appointed to write corresponding letter to be printed in the Minutes of this Session of the Association.

11. Unanimously agreed to adjourn until Saturday morning at 9:15 A. M. o'clock.

Benediction by Elder E. W. Hargett of Eldorado, Arkansas.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Pursuant to adjournment the Association met in the school auditorium at 9:15 A. M.

After songs of praise and prayer by Elder W. O. Hunt of Mt. Zion Association, continued with business as follows:

12. Called for finance committee to report.

Donations by Churches	$852.50
Donations by Friends	81.50
Total donations	$934.00

13. Unanimously agreed to distribute Minutes as usual.

14. Called for corresponding letter, which was handed in, read and unanimously adopted.

15. Extended invitation to the churches of this Association to call for fifth Sunday meetings.

Meetings were granted as follows:

Fifth Sunday, and Saturday before, in September, Oak Grove Church.

Fifth Sunday, and Saturday before, in December, Liberty Hill.

Fifth Sunday, and Saturday before, in March, Union Church.

Fifth Sunday, and Saturday before, in June, Bethel Church.

Fifth Sunday, and Saturday before, in August, Pleasant Hill Church.

16. On motion it was unanimously agreed to hold the One Hundred Twenty-Sixth Session of the Original Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association with Park View Church, Forsyth County, North Carolina, beginning Friday, September 19, 1958 and continuing Sat-

urday and third Sunday, and that the pastor of Park View Church preach the introductory sermon.

17. On motion agreed to have 1300 copies of this Minute printed and distributed to Churches and Associations as usual, and that Preston L. Helms, superintend the printing and distribution of same and that he be allowed $100 for printing, mailing and clerk's service.

18. A motion carried to distribute all funds above allowed for printing, mailing and clerk's services to ministers present and other expenses as the finance committee may deem proper.

19. By unanimous consent this Association returns thanks to God for his mercy, and to the Brethren, Sisters and friends of High Hill Church and vicinity for their kind hospitality and entertainment afforded us during this session of the Association.

We want to erpress our thanks and gratitude to Mr. Dan S. Davis, county superintendent of public schools, and to Professor J. C. Purser, principal of Unionville high school and all who helped in any way, for the use of the gymnasium and all the conveniences afforded by the school. May God continue to bless each of you now and forever.

20. Agreed to adjourn to time and place above mentioned.

Benediction by Elder Edward Cagle from Little River of Georgia.

ELDER V. V. WILLARD, Moderator
BROTHER MARTIN C. MILLS, Clerk
PRESTON L. HELMS, Assistant Clerk.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Received from Churches	$852.50
Contributed by Friends	81.50
Total	934.00

Expenditures

Printing Minutes	$ 75.00
Clerk's Services and Mailing	25.00
Given to Ministers and other expenses	834.00
Total Expenses	934.00

ORDER OF PREACHING

FRIDAY A. M.

Elder V. V. Willard. Text: Romans 5:19.

FRIDAY P. M.

Elder O. A. Harris. No special text.
Elder W. L. Johnston. Tert: Tim. 4th Chapter.
Elder H. L. Smith. Text: Job, 9th Chapter.

SATURDAY A. M.

Elder J. A. Monsees. Text: Isaiah 58.1.
Elder W. G. Fletcher. Text: Rev. 22:14.
Elder E. D. Speir. Text: 1st Cor. 1:30.

SATURDAY P. M.

Elder T. E. Majors. Failed to get text.
Elder P. H. Byrd. Text: Matt. 6:1-4.
Elder Wyley Sammon. Text: 1st John 3-1.

SUNDAY A. M.

Elder W. O. Hunt. Text: 2nd Cor. 5:1-4.
Elder B. D. Bryant. Text: Romans 6:17-18.
Elder J. D. Holder. Text: Hebrews 2:56.

SUNDAY P. M.

Elder J. S. Collins. Text: Matt. 22:42.

Elder M. M. Morton. Text: Gal. 4:1-6.
Elder J. T. Lewis. No special text.

FRIDAY NIGHT

At Unionville School House—Elder B. D. Bryant, text, Eph. 2:8. Elder J. F. Hildreth, text, Ruth.

Lawyers Springs—Elder T. C. Mooney, text, Matt. 7:24-27. Elder J. D. Holder, text, Romans 5:1-10.

SATURDAY NIGHT

Watson—Elder E. W. Hargett, text, Deut. 32:9-10. Elder Fred Rowland, text, Jude 1-5.

Liberty Hill—Elder Tarold Tipton, text, Eph. 1:1-4. Elder Derle McGee, text, Romans 14:19.

Lawyers Springs—Elder W. H. Anderson. Elder W. O. Hunt.

Unionville School House—Elder Edward Sagle, text, Matt. 16:26. Elder J. S. Harris, (excused himself because of health.)

HOME MINISTERS

Elder C. M. Mills, 3130 Central Ave., Charlotte, N. C.
Elder V. V. Willard, Route 2, High Point, N. C.
Elder D. B. Willard, Route 6, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Elder C. L. Ratclif, Route 3, Monroe, N. C.
Elder E. H. Simpson, Route 4, Concord, N. C.
Elder H. L. Poplin, Route 2, Albemarle, N. C.
Elder P. H. Young, Route 1, Linwood, N. C.

LICENTATES

Brother Joe C. Helms, Peachland, N. C.
Brother Brice Haigler, Route 3, Monroe, N. C.
Brother Harlin Price, Route 2, Monroe, N. C.

VISITING MINISTERS

Elder J. S. Collins, Angier, N. C.
Elder J. T. Lewis, Coats, N. C.
Elder Henry Byrd, Benson, N. C.
Elder Derle McGee, Route 1, Benton, N. C.
Elder M. M. Morton, Route 2, Smyrna, Ga.
Elder Edward Cagle, Route 1, Roswell, Ga.
Elder Harold Tipton, 2419 Parkview Ave., N.E., Knoxville, Tenn.
Elder E. W. Hargett, Eldorado, Ark.
Elder E. D. Speir, Conley, Ga.
Elder Joe F. Hildreth, 542 Orme Circle, N.E., Atlanta 6, Ga.
Elder J. A. Monsees, Ellenwood, Ga.
Elder J. D. Holder, Corinth, Miss.
Elder Wiley Sammons, Colliersville, Tenn.
Elder P. H. Byrd, Twin City, Ga.
Elder T. E. Majors, 207 Cloud St., Front Royal, Va.
Elder Fred Rowland, 206 Peach St., Cochran, Ga.
Eloder W. L. Johnson, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Elder J. S. Harris, Willis, Va.
Elder O. A. Harris, Floyd, Va.
Elder F. F. Eggleston, Martinsville, Va.
Elder T. C. Mooney, R-1, Ellijay, Ga.
Elder H. L. Smith, Eton, Ga.
Elder W. G. Fletcher, R-2, Strasburg, Va.
Elder W. H. Anderson, Box 163, Hampton, S. C.
Elder W. O. Hunt, R-2, Holly Pond, Ala.
Elder B. D. Bryant, Tiptonville, Tenn.
List. W. W. Sims.

IN MEMORIAM

Sacred to the memory of Our Brethren and Sisters who have

passed away since our last Association whose names and home churches appear below.

Be it resolved that the Original Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association mourns with these churches and bereaved families of our great loss in the passing of the dear ones who were so near and dear to us. We bow in humble submission to His holy will.

Also be it resolved that we spread this memorial upon the minutes of this session of the Association.

Bethel Church: Sister Susan Addie Ward.

Union Grove: Sisters Mary Eudy, Ola McGuirt, Jennie Hill, and Brother Thomas Stewart.

High Point: Elder W. F. Pruitt, Sisters Belvie Ward, Roxie Isom and Levinia Caughren.

Plesant Hill: Brother Fletcher King.

Meadow Creek: Brothren Dan Hathcock and M. F. Hinson.

Mount Creek: Not Listed.

Pleasant Grove: Sisters Mary Jane Polk, Glennie Benton, and Ethel Mills.

Liberty Hill: Sister Judy Burris.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

To the ministers and messengers composing the Original Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association, with all her corresponding and visiting precious kindred in Christ: Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We thank God for you and for your love and faith toward the Lord Jesus, and toward all the saints. It has been through the grace, mercy and love of God that another chapter of history of our devotion to God is written in peace, love and prosperity, and we are assembled in one place, of one accord and one mind to praise and adore God.

We thank God who has supplied us with a wonderful ministry; and that they have kept the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace, diligently laboring to that end. It is with grateful hearts that we express our sincerest love to you who have come from far and near, bringing glad tidings of good news from a far country.

How poor and dependent, we the children of men, are. Ten thousand talents in debt and not a farthing to pay. Thank God from whom all blessings flow and bestows His mercy on the elect here below, delivering them from the power of darkness and translating them into the kingdom of his dear son, which is the great spiritual family of God. As subjects of this kingdom we are responsible to our kind, Christ Jesus, for our conduct and behaviour, within whom we have a perfect pattern. But though we build a life time of hay and stubble and see all our works burn and suffer great loss; yet ye shall be saved and stand before God just and innocent, clothed with the righteousness of Christ our Saviour.

God bless you, and come to see us.

Submitted in love,

JOE HELMS.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1. We believe in one living and true God, the Father, the Word and The Holy Ghost.

Article 2. We believe in the man Jesus being the first of all God's creation and the pattern of all God's perfection in nature,

grace and glory, and in relative union with the Divine Word, and thus united with the whole Trinity.

Article 3. We believe that the scripture of the Old and New Testaments contain the only written, revealed word of God and the perfect rule of faith and practice for God's Church in her militant state while here on earth.

Article 4. We believe in the doctrine of election; that God chose HIS Church in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Article 5. We believe in all mankind's apostacy by transgression in Adam, the federal head.

Article 6. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Article 7. We believe in the impotency of man to rcover himself from his fallen state by his own free will and ability.

Article 8. We believe that sinners are justified freely by grace and before God by faith in Christ and His righteousness only.

Article 9. We believe that God's elect or Church shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit in due time.

Article 10. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never really fall away.

Article 11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ's appointment, and that believers alone are the subjects of baptism and the only proper communicants of the Supper; that the mode of baptism is immersion, and that neither of the ordinances is to be altered or changes by the inventions or opinions of men. We believe in feet washing as taught by our Saviour in St. John 13:4-17.

Article 12. We believe that no man, as a minister, has any right to the administration of any of the ordinances of the gospel except such as are sound in the faith of the gospel, regularly baptized, called of God and have come under the imposition of hands by a regular presbytery.

Article 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the just and unjust, and a general judgement.

Article 14. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

RULES GOVERNING THE ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1st: We understand that at whatever church this Association is being held, that it is being held solely under the authority of that church, just as any other regular or monthly conference.

2nd. That the officers and suffrages of that church shall be the officers and voice of the Association, except as that church may deem prudent to request any member of another church to assist in the business transactions of the Association.

3rd. This Association shall have no authority to pass upon any question of a disciplinary nature except it has first been passed upon by the local churches composing this Association; then the work of the churches shall be recognized by the Association.

4th. Any member who endeavors to bring in or inject a disciplinary question that involves fellowship, before it has been passed upon by the local churches, shall be considered out of order by the church with which the Association is being held, and by the messengers present from the sister churches.

5th. The Association shall be conducted for no purpose other than song, prayer, and preaching services, and no business shall be transacted by the Association except that which is necessary or sets forth the status of each church composing this body in the form of a minute.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES	Received by Exp. & Baptism	Received by Relation	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Sunday of Meetings	Contributions
Park View	Elder D. B. Willard	Claude Parnell, R-6, Winston-Salem, N. C.	2	1	1					31	1	31.00
Liberty Hill	Elder C. M. Mills	Ellis Huneycutt, Oakboro, N. C.	2	1					1	95	1	65.00
Pleasant Grove	Elder C. M. Mills	A. E. Broom, R-2, Marshville, N. C.			3			1	3	62	2	70.00
Union Grove	Elder C. M. Mills	L. E. Outen, 1726 Chestnut St., Charlotte, N. C.	1						4	147	2	120.50
Lawyers Springs	Elder V. V. Willard	Tommy Horne, Peachland, N. C.	3							89	1	55.00
Mt. Creek	Elder C. M. Mills	A. C. Medlin, R-2, Albemarle, N. C.	1						1	38	3	36.00
High Point	Elder V. V. Willard	H. M. Willard, 1615 Granite St., Winston-Salem, N.C.	4			1		1	4	116	4	90.00
Meadow Creek	Elder C. M. Mills	N. D. Hathcock. R-2, Stanfield, N C.								65	1	94.00
Watson	Elder C. M. Mills	Preston L. Helms, R-3, Marshville, N. C.					1			45	4	34.00
Pleasant Hill	Elder V. V. Willard	G. L. Auman, R-1, Star, N. C.	1						1	43	3	53.00
High Hill	Elder V. V. Willard	Martin C. Mills, R-2, Monroe, N. C.	5							70	1	60.00
Mills Chapel	Elder D. B. Willard	W. W. Griffin. 309 Caldwell St., Kannapolis, N. C.	4	1			2			46	1	43.00
Bethel	Elder D. B. Willard	M. D. Anderson, Shallotte, N. C.	4					3	1	67	4	40.00
Union	Elder E. H. Simpson	V. H. Soloman, R-2, Gastonia, N. C.	3		2			1		36	3	35.00
Oak Grove	Elder H. L. Poplin	Mrs. Gertrude Greggs, R-1, Chesterfield, S. C.								10	4	11.00
Corinth	Elder E. H. Simpson	Walter Peterson, Kings Mountain, N. C.								11	3	5.00
Herrings Grove	Elder C. M. Mills	J. L. Lewis,								6	4	10.00
		Donated by Friends										81.50
		Totals	30	3	6	1	3	6	14	977	42	$934.00